

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The below listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. – 26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) A liquid composition application system, comprising:

- i. a topological device comprising a global position system (GPS) for acquiring topological information of a rail system in real-time;
- ii. an applicator for application of the liquid composition; and
- iii. a processing device for receiving the topological information, and controlling the application of the liquid composition, wherein control of the application of the liquid composition is based on the topological information received by the processing device and wherein the processing device is accessed remotely at a site separate from a rail car or a train consist.

28. (New) The liquid composition application system of claim 27, wherein the applicator comprises:

- i. one or more than one reservoir for holding the liquid composition;
- ii. a pipe connected to the one or more than one reservoir;
- iii. one or more than one dispensing nozzle; and

iv. a pump, in fluid communication with the pipe, for moving the liquid composition from the one or more than one reservoir to the one or more than one dispensing nozzle.

29. (New) The liquid composition application system of claim 28, wherein the processing device comprises a controller for controlling operation of the pump.

30. (New) The liquid composition application system of 29, wherein the controller is selected from the group consisting of a programmable logic controller, a microprocessor and a computer.

31. (New) The liquid composition application system of claim 28, wherein the processing device comprises a metering device for controlling operation of the pump.

32. (New) The liquid composition application system of claim 28, further comprising a source of pressurized air connected to the one or more than one dispensing nozzle to dispense the liquid composition as an atomized spray.

33. (New) The liquid composition application system of claim 27, wherein the processing device comprises a database having topological information of the rail system and the processing device coordinates the topological information acquired from the GPS with the topological information of the database for controlling the application of the liquid composition.

34. (New) The liquid composition application system of claim 27, wherein the processing device comprises one or more than one electronic component selected from the group consisting of a microprocessor, a programmable logic controller, a computer, and a combination thereof.

35. (New) The liquid composition application system of claim 34, wherein the one or more than one electronic component has an operator-actuated interface.

36. (New) The liquid composition application system of claim 27, wherein the topological information received by the processing device for controlling the application of the liquid composition is selected from the group consisting of orientation of the rail car in the rail system, speed of the rail car, curve sensing, changes in elevation, and a combination thereof.

37. (New) The liquid composition application system of claim 27, wherein the topological information acquired by the GPS and received by the processing device is selected from the group consisting of latitude, longitude, speed, heading, altitude, and a combination thereof.

38. (New) The liquid composition application system of claim 27, wherein the GPS provides the processing device with topological information regarding speed of the rail car in the rail system to control a rate of application of the liquid composition.

39. (New) The liquid composition application system of claim 27, wherein the GPS provides the processing device with topological information regarding changes in position of the rail car in the rail system to determine whether or not the rail car is negotiating a curved portion of a rail track in the rail system and the processing device controls application of the liquid composition accordingly.

40. (New) The liquid composition application system of claim 27, wherein the GPS provides the processing device with topological information regarding changes in elevation of the rail car in the rail system to determine whether or not the rail car is negotiating an inclining or declining segment of a rail track in the rail system and the processing device controls application of the liquid composition accordingly.

41. (New) A method of applying a liquid composition in a rail system using the liquid composition application system of claim 27.

42. (New) A method of applying a liquid composition in a rail system comprising:

- i. providing the liquid composition application system of claim 27;
- ii. acquiring topological information of the rail system in real-time using the GPS;
- iii. processing the topological information remotely at a site separate from the rail car

or train consist in the rail system and controlling application of the liquid composition using the

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processing device, wherein control of the application of the liquid composition is based on the topological information received by the processing device.